

# THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

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## FLOOD WORKS HAVOC

EVERY RAILROAD IN OKLAHOMA BROUGHT TO STANDSTILL.

Fall of Twenty Inches in Ten Hours, Making Total of More Than Thirty Inches in Three Days—Railroad Tracks and Bridges Swept Away.

Not a railroad in Oklahoma was in operation Sunday night as a result of the heavy rains and cloudbursts that had occurred in various parts of the state during the past three days. The last road to suspend operations was the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, which was forced to quit at noon Sunday when the bridge on the main line at Eufaula went down.

To add to the disaster the main supplying natural gas to the Indian Territory part of the state was carried away with the Clarksville bridge late Sunday and the supply of gas for Muskogee and several other cities in the southeastern part of the state has been entirely cut off. Officials of the gas company say it will be a week before repairs can be made so that the gas supply can be carried. As natural gas is used for light and heat, business will be suspended in a measure. Elevators have been forced to stop running and hotels and restaurants have practically been put out of business.

During ten hours Sunday there was a rainfall of twenty inches in that section of the state. The previous fall during the past three days of more than ten inches contributed to the damaging flood.

### BANDITS HOLD UP TROLLEY.

Take Up Collection of \$125 from Crew and Passengers.

Not satisfied with the \$125 in cash and two watches secured from the conductor, motorman and nine passengers on a car of the West Penn Electric railway near Boston, a small town between McKeesport and Elizabethtown, which they held up, two masked highwaymen a short distance from the robbery halted John Mowry, a farmer, and his wife and relieved them of \$15. Mowry's horse was stopped and he and his wife dragged from the buggy. They were obliged to stand until searched and then allowed to drive away.

Of the eleven men on the car when it was stopped, not one carried a revolver and not one showed any disposition to resist the demands of the desperadoes. One man hid \$60 in his shoe and saved it. Others concealed watches. Detectives have no clue on which to work.

### FAILED BANKERS ACCUSED.

Officers of Oklahoma Concern Are Put Under Arrest.

L. A. Conners, president, and L. Elzey, cashier of the International bank of Colgate, Okla., which was closed Saturday, were arrested upon order of State Bank Commissioner H. H. Sock, upon their refusal to repay \$6,000 and \$5,000, respectively, which amounts they borrowed from the institution in violation of the state banking laws. They were released under heavy bonds.

When the bank failed the state immediately took charge and began paying off the depositors under the state depositor's guarantee law. The state had practically finished this work Saturday. Many depositors, however, have refused to apply for their money, knowing it safe.

### AIRSHIP VICTIMS RECOVERING.

None Injured in Accident at Berkeley Will Die.

The seven men seriously injured in the sensational airship accident at Berkeley, Cal., are all doing well at the Roosevelt hospital. None of them will die. L. V. Rodgers, one of the assistant engineers in the crew of fourteen that went up in the huge dirigible balloon, who was believed to be fatally injured, will recover. J. O. Morrell, the inventor, and Capt. Penfield, the Australian aeronaut, who stowed away in the aircraft after he had been ordered off and had both legs broken, are both much improved. Morrell declares he will commence work on another airship as soon as he leaves the hospital.

### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Beesves \$6.00@6.55. Top hogs, \$5.30.

### Dies in Ball Game.

Heart failure caused by a long throw from deep left field to the home plate in the second inning of a game between two local baseball teams resulted in the death of John R. Perry, of St. Louis, Mo., an amateur player.

### Arizona Bank Opens.

The Globe National bank, of Globe, Ariz., which closed its doors Nov. 4, reopened Saturday morning, prepared to pay all depositors.

## FIREBRAND IN HOUSE.

Crumpacker Scores with Bill Aimed at South.

A campaign contribution publicity bill, embodying an amendment by Mr. Crumpacker, of Indiana, providing for a reduction in the representation in the house of representatives in those states having disfranchisement laws, was passed by the house Friday by a vote of 165 to 125, following a lively debate. The measure was brought up under suspension of the rules, and forty minutes were allowed in which to discuss it. The southern members in particular were bitter in their denunciation of the apportionment provision of the bill.

Mr. Williams, the minority leader, was especially vigorous in his attacks, characterizing the bill as being an attempt to revive the conditions of reconstruction days.

After the Crumpacker amendment had been adopted the democrats voted against the bill in its entirety. In brief the provision regarding publicity of campaign contributions is made applicable to the national committees and the national congressional committee of all political parties and all committees, associations or organizations which shall in two or more states influence the result of an election at which representatives in congress are to be elected.

The Crumpacker amendment provides for the re-enactment of certain sections of the old federal election law, except that the idea of the unenacted "force" bill, authorizing the use of troops at the polls, is eliminated.

### LAMPHERE IS INDICTED.

Seven True Bills Against Mrs. Gunness' Alleged Accomplice.

In returning seven true bills against Ray Lamphere Friday afternoon the Laporte grand jury also indicted Mrs. Gunness for the murder of Andrew Helgelein, of Mansfield, S. D. No warrant was issued for Mrs. Gunness, as she was declared officially dead by the verdict of Coroner Mack, but in order to vote a true bill against Lamphere as accessory in the killing of Helgelein it was necessary to indict Mrs. Gunness as the principal. Lamphere now stands before the bar of justice officially charged with arson, five murders and being an accessory in the Helgelein murder.

The digging Friday resulted in the unearthing of a human skull which it is believed belongs to one of the bodies dug up in the chicken yard two weeks ago. At that time three skeletons were found in one hole, but there were only two skulls. The skull found Friday was in a cesspool, and why it was dropped there and the rest of the body buried in the little cemetery the authorities cannot explain. Long hair attached to the skull is considered evidence that it is that of a woman. One of the three dismembered bodies referred to was that of a female.

### ACCUSED OF KILLING SIX.

Michigan Man Arrested for Wholesale Murder.

James Brimmingstall, aged 40, is under arrest at Dowagiac, Mich., charged with six murders. The police say he already has confessed to two. Prosecutor Bresnahan is confident the prisoner will admit that he has committed other crimes. His arrest followed an alleged attempt to make his wife his seventh victim. She escaped and appealed to the police. The list of Brimmingstall's victims, according to the officers, are: Man in Kansas; killed by Brimmingstall when 16 years old. Railroad man in Missouri, name unknown; killed seven years ago. Two men who were sleeping in a tent in Missouri; names unknown. David Ruff, Dowagiac, June, 1907. Smith Hortum, Dowagiac, February, 1908.

### TWENTY PEASANTS HANGED.

Extreme Penalty Inflicted for Agrarian Riots in Russia.

Twenty Russian peasants who took part in recent disorders in Yekaterinograd district were hanged at Kherson under decree of a courtmartial. They belonged to a peasant association the avowed object of which was to drive out landed proprietors by the burning of their estates. The resort to the death penalty for agrarian outrages is a new departure, flogging and short terms of imprisonment having been the usual punishments even during the great disorders of 1906.

### Another Fire Victim.

The body of Louis Bender, Friday, was found in the ruins of the Wintermeyer box factory, burned at Chicago Thursday. The relatives of eight men employed in the factory reported to the police that they had not returned to their homes.

### Was the Father of 21.

Leonard Bertrand, of Green Bay, Wis., father of twenty-one children, is dead of Bright's disease, aged 68 years. All of the twenty-one children were born of the same mother, and eighteen of them are living. Mrs. Bertrand is alive and in robust health.

### Arrested for Mining Fraud.

E. Chapin Gard, mining promoter with offices at Denver, Colo., who was indicted by the federal grand jury on the charge of using the mails in furtherance of schemes to defraud, has been arrested.

### Cloudburst Breaks Levee.

Floods following a cloudburst broke the Illinois river levee near Havana, Ill., and drove twenty-five families from their homes.

## MAE WOOD TO JAIL.

Abrupt End of Platt Suit is Sensational.

The case of Mae C. Wood, the Omaha woman who sued United States Senator Thomas C. Platt for divorce, came to a sudden and sensational end Thursday afternoon when Justice O'Gorman, of the supreme court, dismissed the complaint and directed the complainant be committed to the city prison under \$5,000 bail on a charge of perjury. Miss Wood was taken to the Tombs.

The climax came after the introduction in evidence of the deposition of a man who manufactured the blanks upon one of which the alleged Platt-Wood certificate had been prepared, in which he declared that the blank form in question was not lithographed until three months after the marriage of Miss Wood to Platt is alleged to have occurred. The senator's son, Frank H. Platt, also testified that it is his belief no such letters ever had been written to Miss Wood by his father as were represented in alleged copies offered in court by the complainant. The case has attracted exceptionally wide attention on account of the prominence of the aged senator and the names of other widely known persons whom Miss Wood involved in her sensational charge in support of her complaint.

Miss Wood was at once taken to the Tombs prison. One way she chatted laughingly with the officers. The commitment on the perjury charge was made by Justice O'Gorman on his own initiative. He had personally questioned the complainant, who had been recalled to the stand, and when she reiterated her former testimony regarding the marriage the justice said:

"The court cannot believe there was a marriage. Being convinced of the plaintiff's guilt in committing perjury in the case, I commit her to prison unless she furnishes \$5,000 bail."

### RAIL HORROR IN BELGIUM.

Worst Disaster of the Kind in History.

The worst railroad catastrophe ever recorded in Belgium took place near Contich, six miles southeast of Antwerp, Thursday morning. The Antwerp Express, running fifty miles per hour, crashed into a train loaded with pilgrims on a siding. Three cars were literally ground to pieces, and practically all the passengers either killed or badly injured.

Up to an early hour Thursday afternoon 38 dead and 79 wounded had been removed. The occupants of the cars were mostly workmen and peasants.

Succor was extended to more than 100 injured. Surgeons, doctors and nurses arrived early from Antwerp at the scene of the wreck. Many shrieking and helpless, wounded persons are still pinned under the debris. The scene is one of horror and beggars description.

### MARRIED ON DOG LICENSE.

Poles Wedded by Mistake of South Norwalk Town Clerk.

When William Kirsick and Miss Alexandria Kirsicka, two Poles, of South Norwalk, applied for a dog license from Town Clerk Herbert R. Smith on Saturday they got a marriage license and John Curnow, justice of the peace, married them.

The bride has now instituted proceedings for divorce and threatens the officials. She says all that they wanted was a dog license.

Kirsick's dog was named Louise, and in his broken English all he could say was that he wanted a license for Louise, which accounted for the mistake. The bride is a cousin of the bridegroom.

### Robbers Kill Chicagoan.

Robt. P. Holmes, a purchasing agent of the Commonwealth-Edison Electric company, of Chicago, was found dead with the marks of garroters on his neck and his face black from strangulation in a downtown ally early Thursday. His person had been divested of all its valuables.

### Billion Dollar Congress.

The sixtieth congress will have earned the title of a "billion dollar congress" at its first session before adjournment. It is estimated that the total appropriations will reach the enormous sum of \$1,026,000,000, which is said to be the largest amount ever appropriated at a single session.

### New Bridge Blown Up.

A new bridge under construction on the Harlem branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, at Bay Chester, was wrecked by dynamiters Thursday. A charge of fifty pounds of explosive was discharged under the first span.

### Many Lives in Peril.

A fire broke out Thursday afternoon in the large box factory of J. Wintermeyer. The flames swept through the building and spread to a number adjoining structures.

### Loss of Stock in Blizzard.

Heavy losses of sheep and lambs are reported from Dawson county, Mont., by a blizzard that began Wednesday. The snow lies two feet on the level and five and six feet in the drifts.

### Carload of Mail Burns.

An entire carload of United States mail was burned near the eastern end of the Wyoming division of the Union Pacific Wednesday night.

# NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

## SURGERY CURES INSANITY.

Patient in Nebraska Hospital Relieved by an Operation.

After having been violently insane for three years the mind of Mrs. Michaelson, a Platte Center patient in the Nebraska state hospital for the insane at Norfolk, has been very materially and almost completely restored to its normal clearness as the result of a surgical operation for gall stones. If her reason is permanently restored, as Dr. G. A. Young, superintendent of the hospital, now hopes it will be, it will be the first case of record in the medical and surgical world where insanity has been cured by removing gall stones and the gall bladder.

Dr. Young personally performed the operation. He removed 415 small gall stones, as well as the entire gall bladder. From the moment that Mrs. Michaelson recovered from the anæsthetic it was apparent that her demented condition had been very much relieved.

Mrs. Michaelson had been one of the very violent inmates of the hospital. She suffered from pains, which proved to be those caused by gall stones, and an operation was performed. It is said the physical disturbance caused by the gall stone irritation might easily affect the nervous system and develop all tendency toward insanity existent in the patient. Insane patients have been known to be completely cured as the result of an attack of typhoid fever.

## LITIGATION OVER COURT HOUSE.

County Officers Are Enjoined from Occupying New Building.

The old court house at Pender has become entirely inadequate to provide suitable quarters or a safe place for the county records. The county board entered into a contract with Mr. Stevenson, proprietor of the Palace hotel for suitable quarters. A large vault was constructed and several rooms rearranged and fitted up for county offices. As soon as these were ready for occupancy the board was enjoined. This case has had its time in court and has been appealed to the supreme court. The question is whether the county board has any authority to provide the quarters for county records. County Attorney Chase is the only official who beat the game. He moved into the new quarters before they were completed and so holds the fort.

## BLOODHOUND TRACES THIEF.

Man Who Broke Into Car Quickly Captured.

Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock Yardmaster Nick Larson, of Lexington reported to Chief of Police Malcolm that the Syrian car, used as a boarding house for the Syrian railroad employees, had been forced open and three trunks had been broken into. Clothing and razors being found missing. Chief Malcolm departed at once with one of his bloodhounds, "Pride," who trailed the burglar to a car in the west end of the yards, where he was sleeping. He was taken into custody, and signed a confession stating that he was the guilty party, and named his accomplice, Malcolm & Cole are the owners of this dog, which is one of a fine collection owned by them.

## School Children in Parade.

Two thousand school children of Hastings marched in the Grand Army parade there Wednesday morning which was headed by Department Commander Thomas Creigh and the other officers of the patriotic organization. The exercises of the morning concluded with the presentation of a flag to the children by the Women's Relief Corp and a picture of President Lincoln by the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

## Heavy Rain at Plattsmouth.

Plattsmouth was visited by another flood Wednesday evening, the rain falling in torrents from 6 to 7 o'clock. The water ran down Main and Sixth streets in torrents, covering the streets and sidewalks on either side, and in some places entering the basements. The buildings in the Burlington shop yards contained from three to four feet of water and mud, and some loose lumber was washed away.

## Fales Wins in Court.

Franklin Fales, of Dixon county, Thursday afternoon won out in the supreme court in the suit brought against him for damages for alleged libel. T. J. Sheibly was the plaintiff and the article was published during the McCarthy congressional campaign in 1902. Fales charged that Sheibly was incensed against McCarthy because the latter prosecuted an action against him.

## Found Dead in Bed.

Matt Haffy was found dead at the home of his niece, Mrs. George Upson, at Lanham, by a member of the family who went to call him for breakfast Wednesday morning. Death was supposed to have been due to heart trouble. He was 70 years of age and an old resident of that section.

## Sons of Herman Convene.

The Sons of Herman, a German fraternal organization, met in annual session in Grand Island Thursday with 100 delegates present.

## Corn for Omaha Show.

The National Corn commission which is planning for a large representation of Nebraska corn at the show to be held at Omaha, Dec. 19 to 19, met recently to complete arrangements for the growing and exhibition of corn.

## Farmer Killed by Fall.

Edward Schrank, a prominent farmer and owner of the old Chitridwig farm south of Wisner, was instantly killed at about 6 o'clock Wednesday evening by a fall from his wagon.

# INTERESTING HAPPENINGS

From Day to Day Condensed FOR OUR BUSY READERS

## FATHER FEARED ELOPEMENT.

Hurried to Sioux City to Save His Daughter.

Believing that his 13-year-old daughter, Goldie Priest, had eloped with Will Knudson, 27 years of age, Frank Priest, of Homer, made a record drive from Homer, Neb., to Sioux City Sunday in pursuit of the pair. Before the father arrived both the girl and the man had been taken into custody by the police.

The frantic father early in the day notified the police by telephone that his daughter was in Sioux City, and that she probably would be joined soon by Knudson. An officer located the girl at the hotel and kept her under close surveillance for nearly two hours before Knudson put in an appearance. The man walked by the sitting room and motioned to the girl to come outside. Before they had time to exchange a greeting they were taken into custody.

The girl at first seemed self-possessed, but wept bitterly upon the arrival of her father. Knudson, who came to the city Saturday morning, said he had no intention of running away with the girl, but that she was dissatisfied with her home and came here of her own accord. He had, he said, volunteered to assist in securing a situation for her. The girl left home without the knowledge of her parents. She told her father that she was glad he came for her and that she never again would leave home.

## BADDER THAN MRS. GUNNESS.

Wail of Griefless Farmer Who Sends Money to "Widow" Who Needs It.

"She is a badder woman than Mrs. Gunness of Lopoure, Indiana," writes Paul H. Adams, of Le Seuer, Minn., to the postmaster at Omaha, in reference to a Mrs. J. C. Hallyday, of Omaha, who has beguiled Paul Adams out of \$125 of hard earned cash. "I seen her advertisin in the Farmers' Tribune, of selougex city Ioway," writes Mr. Adams. "She sayin she war a widow and war lonsum and had about 2800 dollars on a farm. She wantin a companyon. I write to her and she said send her 200, but a had only 125 and I sen her that. She said to meat her in sante pawul but she dont come. I wish you show this letter to chief of polis at Omaha and see if he cant found her. She are a badder woman than Mrs. Gunness og Lopoure, Indiana. I work for my money very hard. She is a fraud. Please have the chief of polis found her. She lives in omawhaw. She are a serpent in the grass." Paul H. Adams, Le Seuer, Minn.

## MISSING BRIDE IS FOUND.

Mrs. Adam Legler Left Spouse Three Days After Wedding.

Mrs. Adam Legler, formerly Evelyn McClintock, of Waterloo, Neb., who disappeared at Grand Island a few days ago, was found in Fremont Thursday night by Sheriff Bauman at the home of Al Cain. She is a bride of three days and was going home to Hastings with her wealthy spouse when she dropped out of sight. Mrs. Legler says she never liked Legler and decided to leave him. Jack Tracey, of Grand Island, gave her \$5 and she bought a ticket to Fremont. Legler arrived in Fremont and spent the afternoon at the county jail trying to persuade his young bride to go home with him. Both deny that took any of Legler's money when she left.

## Sixty-Four Cars in Train.

Sixty-four loaded freight cars behind a giant mogul made up the first regular train which went over the new Lane cut-off Sunday, after which the regular through passenger and through freight trains were sent over the road. The new stations on the line and their distances from Union station, Omaha, are Summit Junction, 2.30 miles; Seymour Siding, 6.08 Sarpis Siding, 10.78 miles and Lane, 13.91 miles. The title of the new road is the South Omaha and Western railroad, and an arrangement has been made whereby the Union Pacific will operate the trains over the line until it is turned over to the company.

## Grand Island Officer Shoots.

Harry Gibson, a colored waiter on a Union Pacific dining car, giving his home as Jersey City, lies at the St. Francis hospital, Grand Island, with a bullet wound in the left thigh, the result of disregarding Police Officer Jack Seales' first warning and attempting to escape when, upon Gibson's second offense, he was about to place him under arrest.

## Horse Stolen at Herman.

Someone entered the barnyard of Hans Anderson, of Herman, Saturday night and stole the best horse he had. The horse was a large bay draft animal and worth about \$200.

Sutherland Gets Ministerial Meet. The next annual meeting of the West Nebraska District Ministerial association of the Methodist church will be held at Sutherland next year.

Kenison Sentenced to Pen. Earnest S. Kenison, who killed Sam D. Cox at Minature, was sentenced Monday to twenty-three years in the penitentiary by Judge Grimes.

## Accidental Cut is Fatal.

Peter Hanrahan, aged 77 years, is dead at his home in Plattsmouth. In cutting a dead limb from a plum tree in his yard Monday evening the ax slipped and cut a deep gash in his right leg just above the ankle, which caused his death in less than one hour.

## Perkins May Die of Wound.

Earl Perkins, who was shot in the head by his brother, Wright Perkins, last Tuesday evening at Pacific Junction is still in a critical condition.

# THE WEEKLY HISTORIAN



## 1284—London Fishmongers' company founded.

1588—Spanish Armada sailed from the Tagus for England.

1643—Royalists victorious at battle of Stratton.

1702—Commencement of hostilities in Queen Anne's war, that of the Spanish succession.

1763—Fort Sandusky, Ohio, taken by Indians.

1765—One-fourth of the city of Montreal destroyed by fire.

1774—Charter of Massachusetts annulled and people declared rebels by Parliament.

1775—Declaration of Independence adopted at Mecklenburg, N. C.

1797—An extra session of Congress convened to consider the strained relations between the United States and France.

1802—Napoleon I. instituted the Legion of Honor.

1803—England declared war against Bonaparte.

1804—Napoleon I. proclaimed Emperor of the French.

1809—England took possession of the Island of Anhoit, Denmark.

1825—Rev. Antoinette Brown Blackwell, first woman ordained as a minister, born near Rochester, N. Y.

1829—Second cotton factory in South Carolina established at Pendleton.

1832—Election riots in Montreal.

1841—Twenty-five lives lost by a fall of rock from Cape Diamond, Quebec.

1843—The Free church of Scotland established.

1847—Daniel O'Connell, the Liberator, died in Genoa, Italy. Born in County Kerry, Ireland, Aug. 6, 1775.

1849—Smith O'Brien expelled from the British House of Commons.

1853—Capture of the Peiho forts.

1859—French and Sardinians defeated the Austrians at Montebello.

1862—Fast day in Richmond, Va.

1864—First express trains run between New York and Buffalo.

1865—Jefferson Davis imprisoned in Fortress Monroe.

1871—Vendôme Column, erected by Napoleon I. to commemorate his victories, pulled down by the Communists in Paris.

1875—Donald A. Macdonald entered office of lieutenant governor of Ontario.

1879—St. Patrick's cathedral, New York City, dedicated.

1882—The British expedition arrived at Alexandria, Egypt.

1885—Surrender of Louis Riel, leader of "Riel's Rebellion."

1886—British evacuation of Suakin completed.

1889—Great loss of property by fire in Quebec.

1893—United States Supreme Court sustained the Chinese Exclusion act.

1894—The Manchester ship canal opened.

1900—British force under Gen. Buller occupied Dundee, South Africa.

1904—Pool rooms in New York City shut off from telegraphic service.

1906—Four towns in northern Michigan destroyed by forest fires.

## FIFTY KILLED IN A WRECK.

Collision Results in Belgium's Worst Railway Horror.

The worst railroad catastrophe ever recorded in Belgium occurred near Contich, six miles southeast of Antwerp, when the Antwerp express, striking a misplaced switch while running fifty miles an hour, crashed into a train loaded with pilgrims on a siding.

Every car of the pilgrim train, excepting the foremost one, was telescoped. The coaches were literally ground to pieces and nearly all the passengers were killed or severely injured. About fifty dead were removed from the wreckage and more than 100 were injured. Surgeons and nurses arrived early from Antwerp. The station at Contich was converted into a temporary morgue and hospital and filled with the dead and wounded.

It appears that the locom